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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Jeffrey L. Burgess
Director, Division of Air Quality
North Dakota Department of Health
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Re: **FEF - AIR REPORTS**
SULFUR DIOXIDE (SO₂) EMISSIONS
PSD INCREMENT CONSUMPTION
BASELINE SO₂ EMISSION RATES

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Amerada Hess Corporation (AHC) has received and reviewed your July 3, 2001 letter addressing the state's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) increment consumption issues for sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions. It is understood that the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH) determined SO₂ emission rates for facilities based upon U. S. Environmental Protection Agency emission factors and the annual emission inventory reports.

Per discussions with Mr. Gary Helbling of your office, the only AHC facility that may have an impact on the NDDH determined baseline SO₂ emission rate is the Tioga Plant. This is to advise you that the SO₂ emission rates shown in the annual emission inventories submitted for the Tioga Plant would contain the most historically correct data. The SO₂ emissions reflected in the annual emission inventories are based upon the concentration of sulfur in the total gas stream processed, the amount of sulfur recovered and the amount of sulfur incinerated.

If you should have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (713) 609-4204.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Ford
Environmental Coordinator

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